

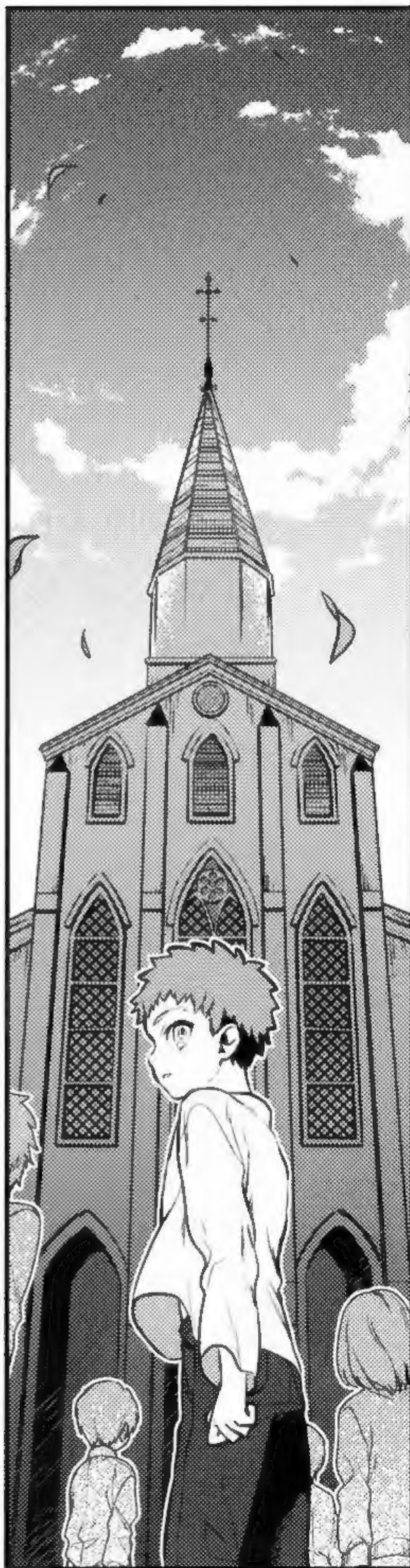
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下

AN EMPTY BURIAL
IN GLOWING CRIMSON











BUT AFTER TALKING WITH KIREI-SAN, EACH OF THEM WOULD LEAVE WITH A LOOK OF RELIEF ON THEIR FACES.



THEY TALK ABOUT DIFFICULT STUFF THAT I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND.

FROM TIME TO TIME, TROUBLED PEOPLE WOULD COME TO THE CHURCH.



I WAS JUST THINKING ...

...ABOUT BEING ABLE TO...

...SAVE OTHERS TOO.



IS SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?



...

NO. I NEED TO SAVE OTHERS.



THAT DAY. I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS SAVED.

THAT DAY. JUST LIKE THAT PERSON WHO SAVED ME.

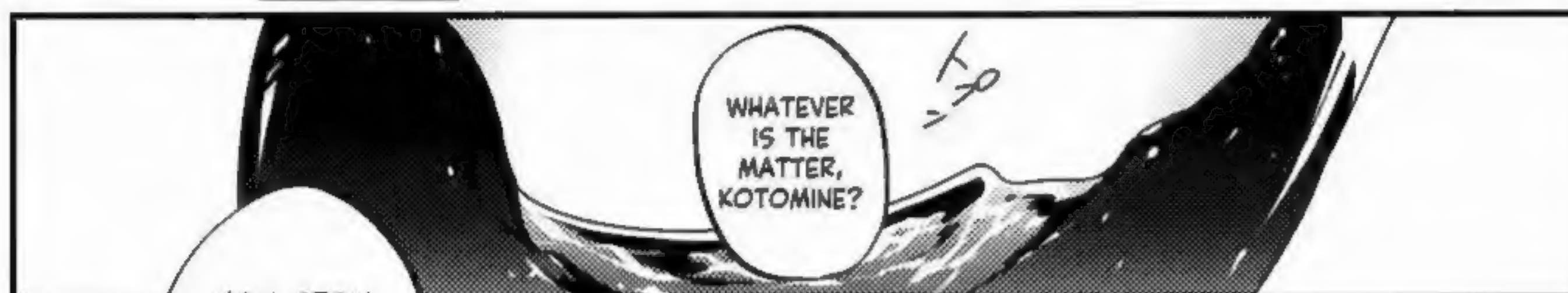


I'LL
BE THE
ONE TO
SAVE...

WAS THIS
ALWAYS
HERE?

NEXT
TIME...

...?



WHATSOEVER
IS THE
MATTER,
KOTOMINE?

YOU SEEM
AWFULLY
CHEERY
TODAY.



NO...
I'VE DONE
NO SUCH
THING...

CARE TO
ENLIGHTEN
ME ABOUT
IT?

YOU'VE SET
SOMETHING
UP ONCE
AGAIN,
HAVEN'T
YOU?



I SIMPLY
FORGOT TO
PUT UP A
PROTECTION
BARRIER.



THAT
IS ALL.



I IGNORED
THEM ALL.



LAST TIME,
I COVERED MY
EARS IN ORDER
TO SAVE MYSELF.

BE IT IN THE
FIRE OR IN THAT
BASEMENT, THEY
WERE ALL CALLING
TO ME FOR HELP.



...I
SEE.

I
HEAR
YOUR
REQUEST.

THIS
ISN'T HOW
I EXPECTED
THINGS TO
TURN OUT, BUT
IT CANNOT BE
HELPED.



WELL,
WELL...

IT SEEMS
I'VE BEEN A
FOOL TO NOT
RECOGNIZE
THE CULPRIT.



THAT'S WHY
THIS TIME,
IT'S MY DUTY
TO ANSWER
THEIR CRIES.

YOU
KNOW,
DON'T
YOU?

YOU KNOW
OF A WAY TO
MAKE THEM
SUFFER AS
LITTLE AS
POSSIBLE.



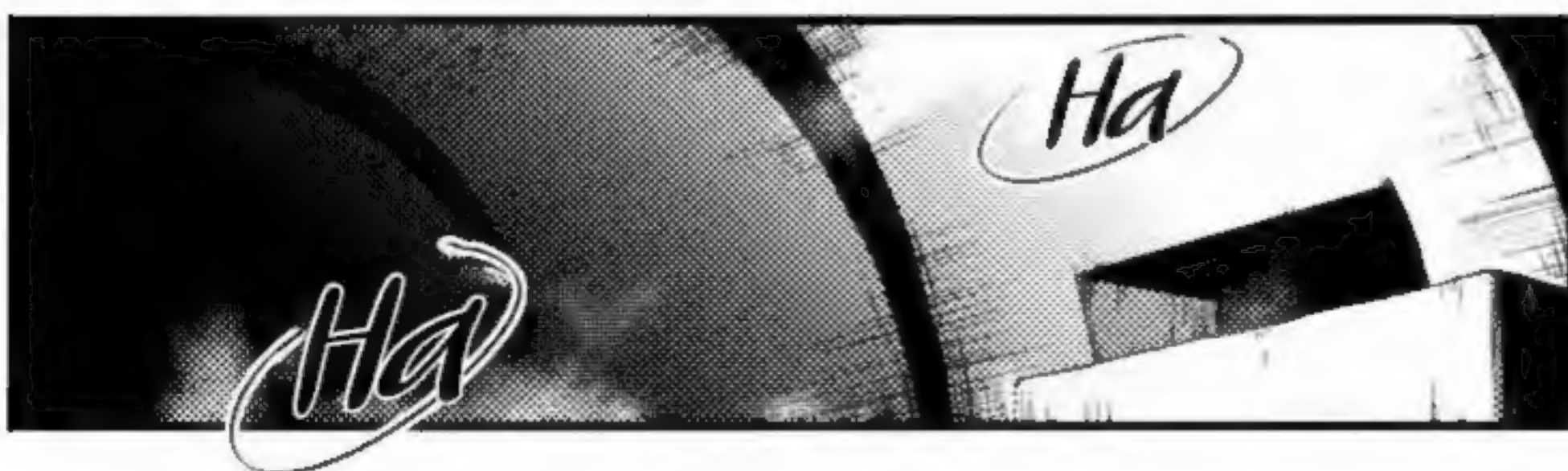
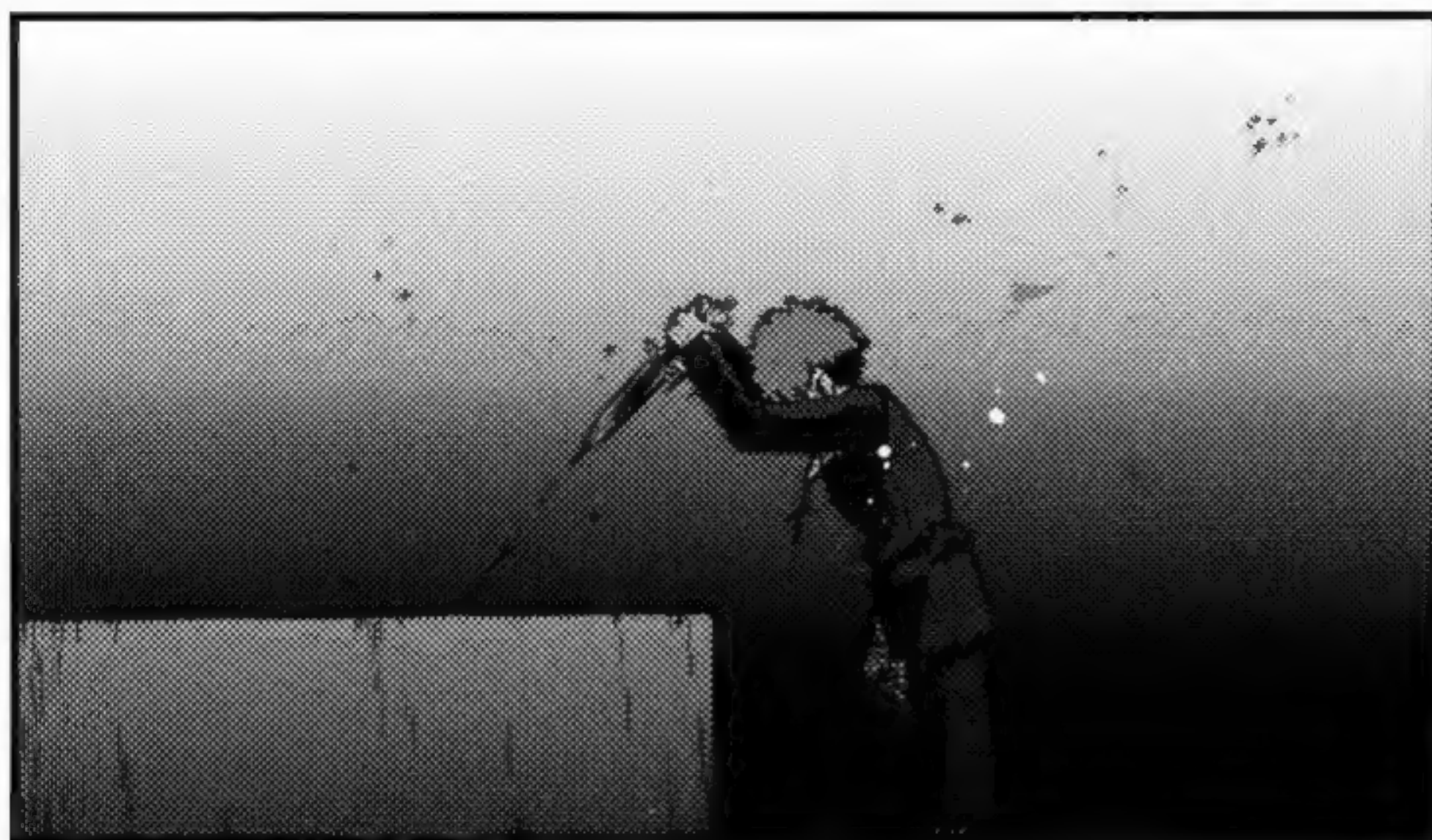
RIGHT.

THAT'S
WHY...

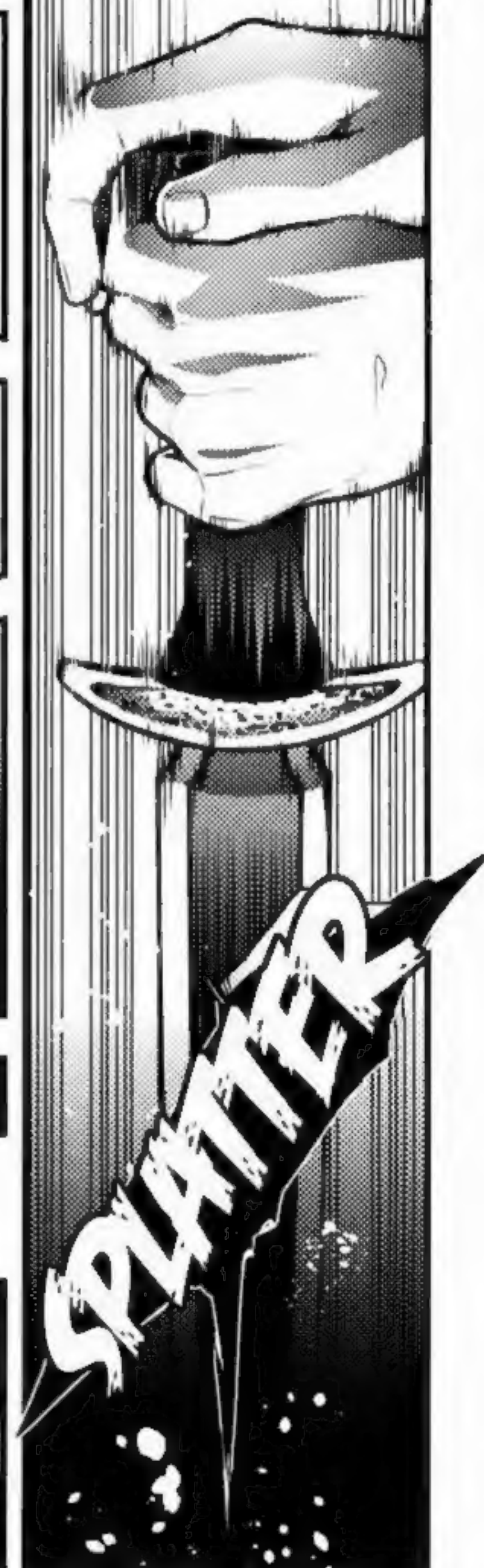
VERY
WELL.

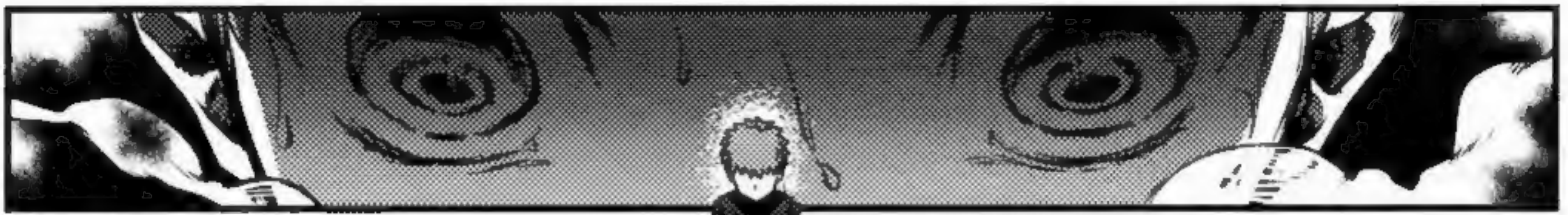
ANSWER
THE CRIES
OF THOSE
WHO ARE
LOST.

I...

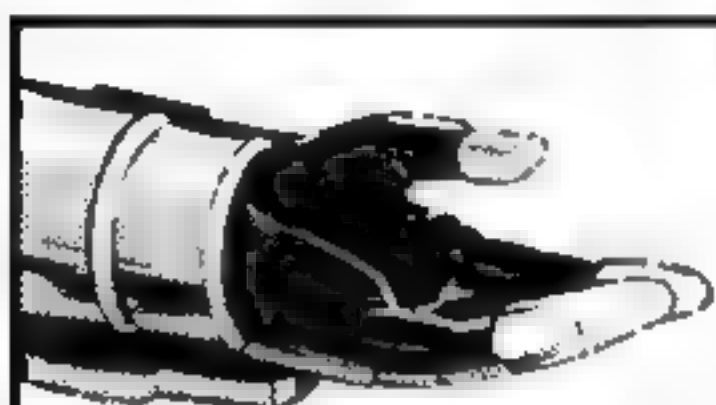


I
SAVED
THEM.

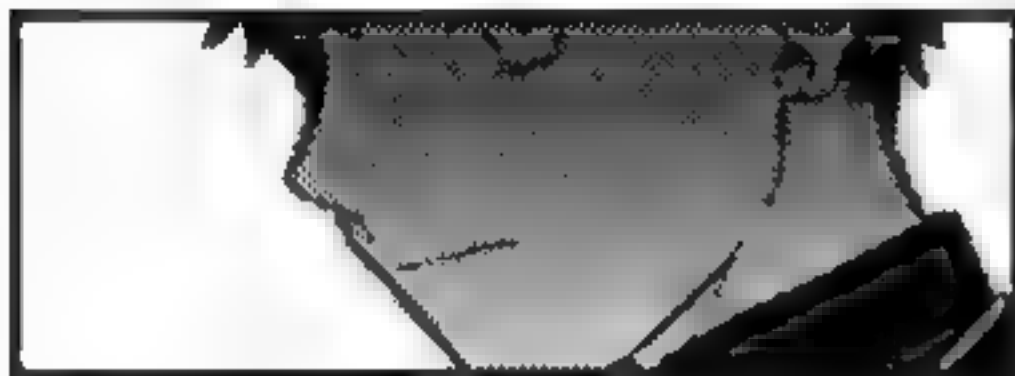




YOU'RE NOTHING
BUT A MURDERER.



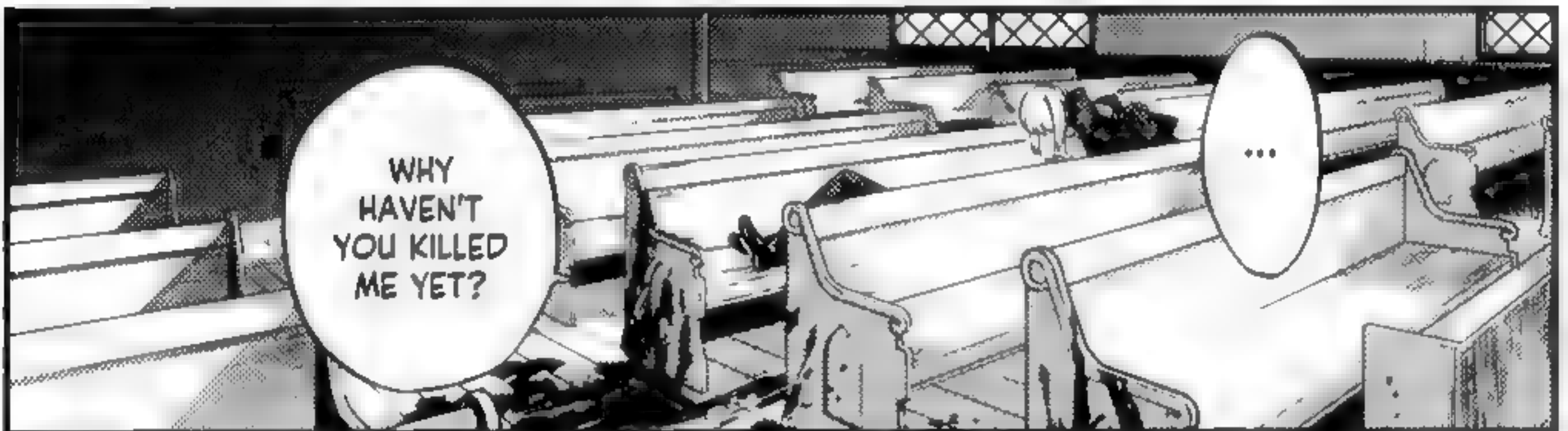
ARE
YOU MY
MASTER?



I'M
PLEASED
TO MEET
YOU,
SHIROU.



...TOO
RADIANT
FOR ME.



IN ANY CASE,
THERE IS AN
ENDLESS CYCLE
OF DESTRUCTION
AND REGENERATION
INSIDE YOUR BODY.

RIGHT.
ABOUT
THAT.

CONTAINING
BOTH THE
GRAIL'S MUD
AND AVALON
INSIDE ONE
BODY...

I KNOW
NOT HOW
YOU
MANAGED
IT BUT...

IT'S
STRANGE
THAT YOU EVEN
RETAIN YOUR
SANITY.

IF THAT
HAPPENS,
AVALON'S
EFFECT
WILL FADE
...

...AND
THE MUD
WILL SPILL
OUT.

THE GREAT
FIRE OF TEN
YEARS AGO
WILL HAPPEN
ONCE MORE.

AT THIS RATE,
IT'S EASY TO
IMAGINE THAT
THE VESSEL
WON'T HOLD,
AND END UP
BREAKING.




BEFORE
THAT
HAPPENS...

...

I WISHED
FOR SOMEONE
WHO CAN
DESTROY THE
HOLY GRAIL.

AS A
RESULT,
THE ONLY
HEROIC SPIRIT
I HAVE A
CONNECTION
TO HAS BEEN
SUMMONED.

**ARTORIA
PENDRAGON.**



BUT I
HAD NO
OTHER
CHOICE.

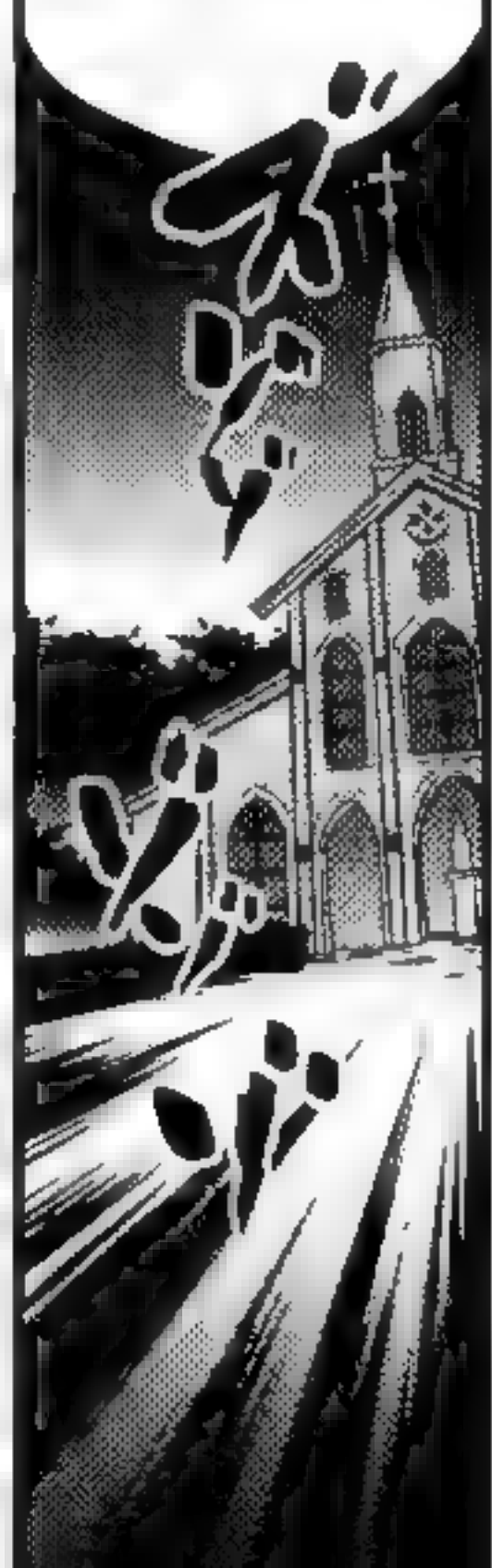
I'M NOT
POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO
DESTROY THE
HOLY GRAIL.

KILLING
PEOPLE IS
THE ONLY
THING I
KNOW HOW
TO DO.

TO
BEGIN
WITH...

HEY.
YOU'RE
MAKING
THAT FACE
AGAIN.

SORRY FOR
BRINGING YOU
HERE AGAINST
YOUR WILL...





ANSWER
...

...ONE
QUESTION
FOR ME.



THE
HOLY GRAIL
IS OUTSIDE
MY JURIS-
DICTION.

...BUT
THIS IS NO
TIME FOR
SUCH A
THING.



ALTER.

PLEASE.
I'M
ASKING
YOU
TO-



ONCE I HEAR
YOUR REPLY, I WILL
DESTROY YOU ALL
AT ONCE.



WHY...

...DID
YOU...







THE HOLE...
IS ALREADY
OPENING UP.

I'M THE ONLY
THING STOPPING
IT FROM OPENING
COMPLETELY.



THIS
IS...

...I TOOK
IN THE HOLY
FRAIL.

...THE
NIGHT...



IS MY
LIFE REALLY
FLASHING
BEFORE MY
EYES?



THERE
WAS JUST
ONE THING
LEFT.



THE
HOLY GRAIL
WAR WAS
OVER.

THERE WERE
NO SIGNS OF
SERVANTS
OR OTHER
MASTERS...

WHEN I
ARRIVED AT
RYUUDOU
TEMPLE...



THE GRAIL THAT
WAS LEFT AT THE
VERGE OF BEING
RELEASED.



NO.

THAT'S...



I HAVE
TO GET
FAR AWAY
FROM THIS
PLACE.

I'LL GO
INSANE.

I CAN'T
STAY
HERE.

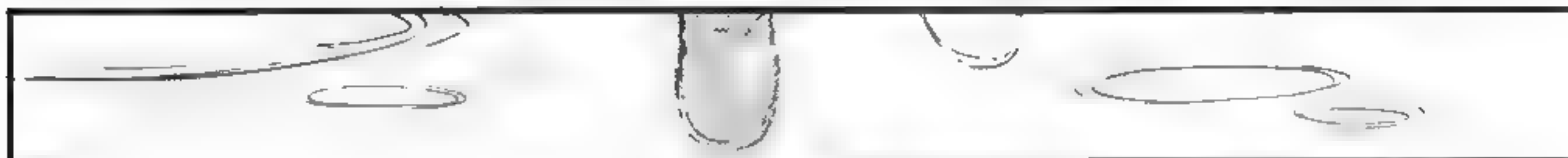


I'LL BE IN
SERIOUS
DANGER.

IT'LL BE
DANGER-
OUS.

IF I DON'T
LEAVE RIGHT
NOW...

IF
I DON'T
RUN...



THAT
MAY BE
SO BUT...



FOR AN
INSTANT..



...FROM
THE HOLY
GRAIL
ITSELF...?



...SUCH A
NOSTALGIC
FIGURE...

...WHY DID
I SEE..



THAT'S
RIGHT. I DO
REMEMBER
THAT TIME.

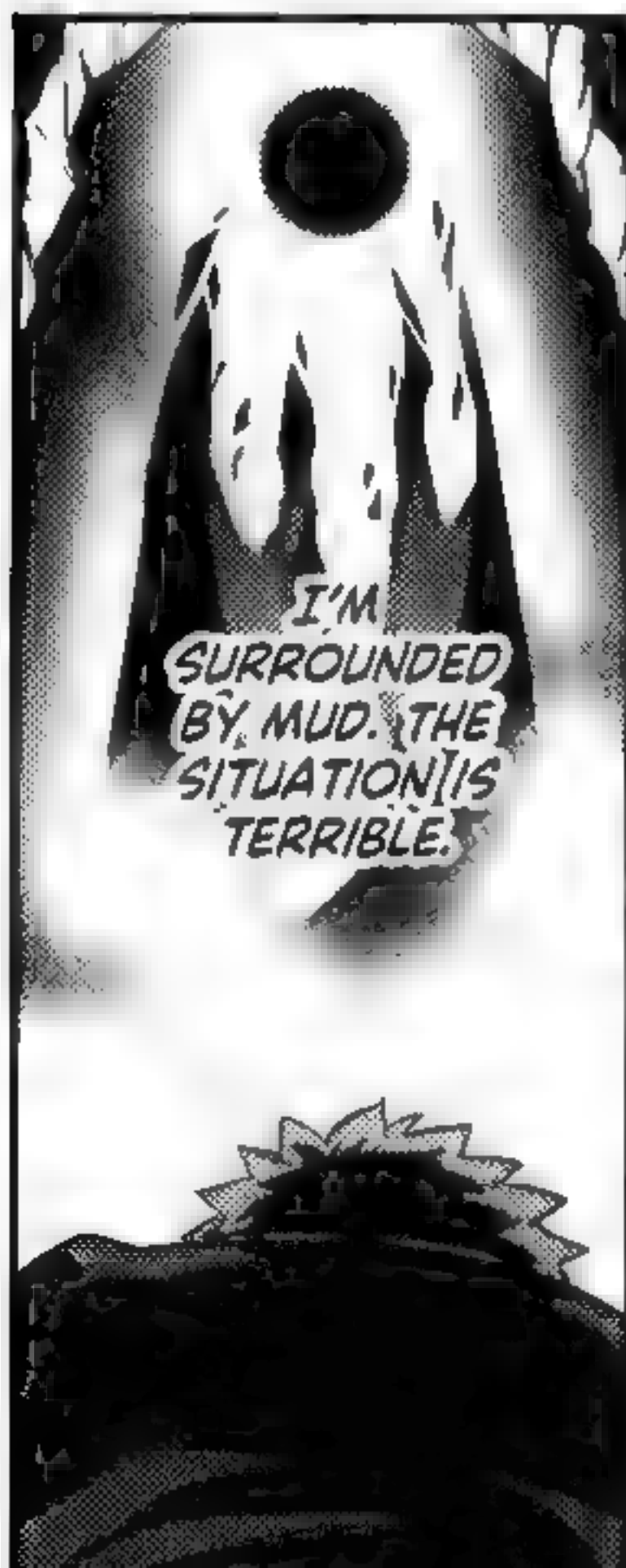
THE PAIN'S SO
INTENSE IT FEELS LIKE
I'M GOING TO VOMIT MY
INTERNAL ORGANS ALONG
WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.

A RADIANCE
I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
FORGET FOR
SO LONG.



LONG LOST
MEMORIES.

I DON'T
WHY I SAW
THAT, BUT
I DID.



I'M
SURROUNDED
BY MUD. THE
SITUATION IS
TERRIBLE.

I TURNED
MY BACK ON
THOSE IDEALS
OUT OF FEAR
THAT I WOULD
TARNISH THAT
BEAUTIFUL
MEMORY.



I COULDN'T
SAVE THOSE
CHILDREN FROM
THE BASEMENT.
I WAS LEFT
ON MY OWN
AGAIN.

I
THOUGHT IT'S
UNFORGIVABLE
FOR SOMEONE
LIKE ME TO
WANT TO BE
LIKE THAT
PERSON WHO
SAVED ME.



I'VE KILLED
MORE PEOPLE
(THAN I CAN
ATONE) FOR.

-I
ALREADY
KNOW I'M
GOING TO
HELL.

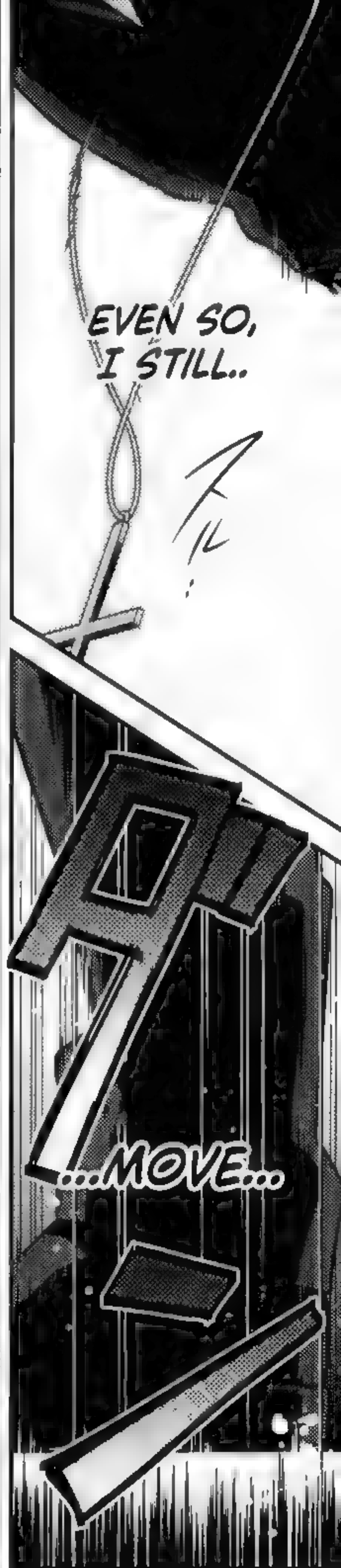


BUT...

IF...

IF I
COULD
BE...

...SELF-
INDULGENT
ABOUT JUST
ONE THING...



EVEN SO,
I STILL..

...MOVE...



WHY...

...DID
YOU...

ANSWER
ONE QUESTION
FOR ME.

...IN
MY LAST
MOMENTS,
I WILL CHASE
AFTER THAT
MAN.



THAT'S
RIGHT.



...TAKE IN
THE HOLY
GRAIL?



BECAUSE
...



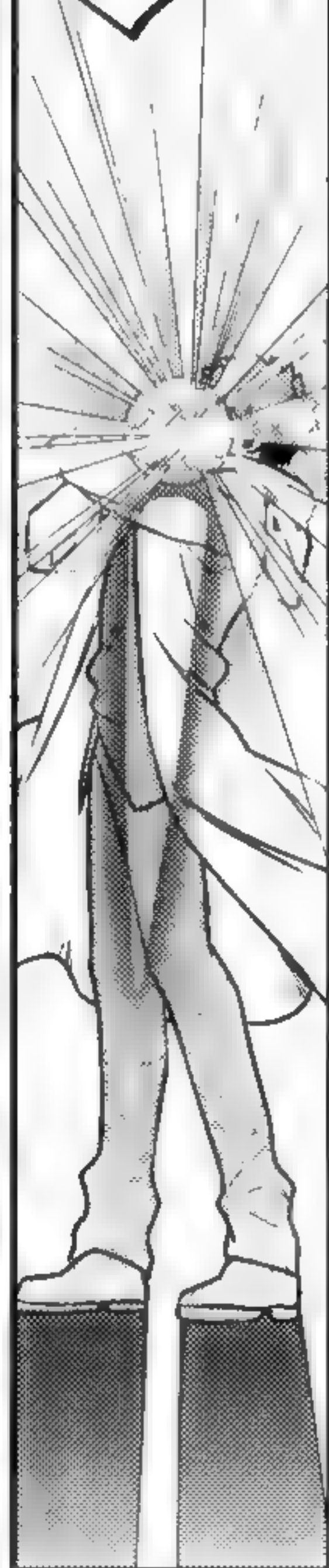
I SEE.

BECAUSE
ONCE
AGAIN...

I
WANTED
TO...

...SAVE
PEOPLE
!!

SHIP





IT TOOK
MORE
TIME THAN
I EXPECTED.
THE SHEER
AMOUNT OF
THOSE MUD
CREATURES.





JUST
HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN SAVING
ALL THIS UP,

SHIROU?

...THAT'S
NOT REALLY
MY FAULT,
IS IT?



I'LL HAVE
TO SAY NO
TO ANOTHER
CORRUPTED
GRAIL.

HAHAH...
CUT ME SOME
SLACK. MY BODY'S
A MESS INSIDE
AND OUT. THERE'S
NOTHING GOOD
ABOUT ME.

PERHAPS
YOU DO MAKE
A GOOD MUD
VESSEL AFTER
ALL.



HMPGH.
OH WELL.

CLACK



YOUR
VOICE HAS
CERTAINLY
REACHED
ME.



IT'S TIME
FOR THAT
WISH TO BE
FULFILLED.



FOR SO LONG, I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT.

DYING IS A SCARY, LONELY, AND MISERABLE EXPERIENCE.

YEAH. I'M SCARED.



ARE YOU AFRAID?



...I WON'T RUN ANY LONGER.

BUT...



BECAUSE I'VE DECIDED TO...

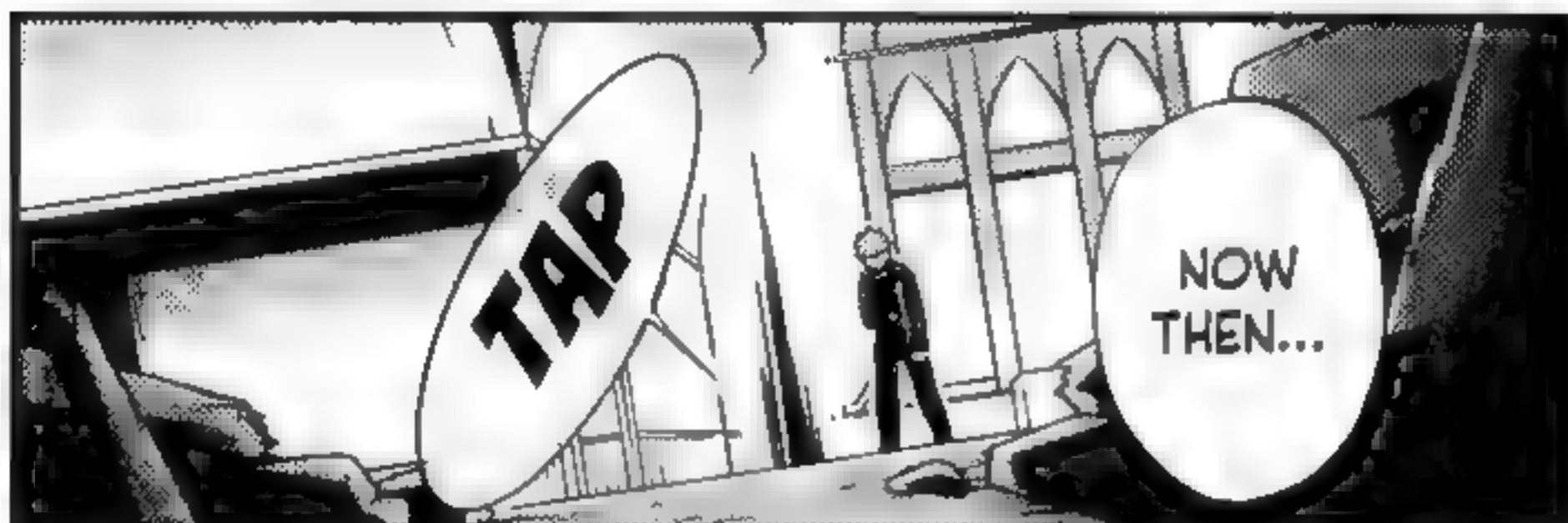
...RETURN TO MY PURSUIT.

I SEE.

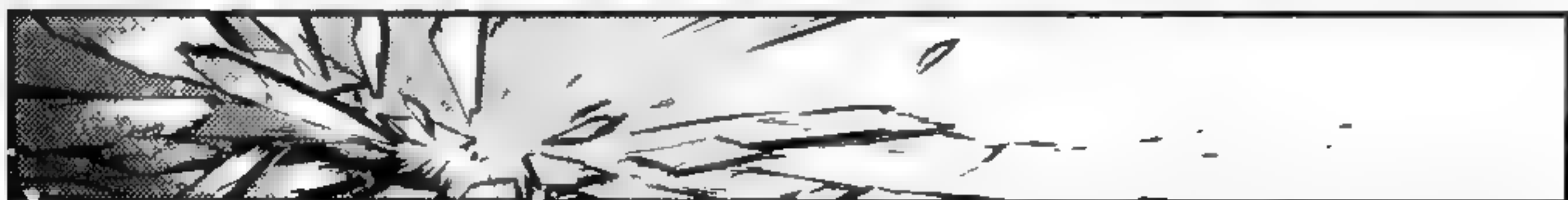


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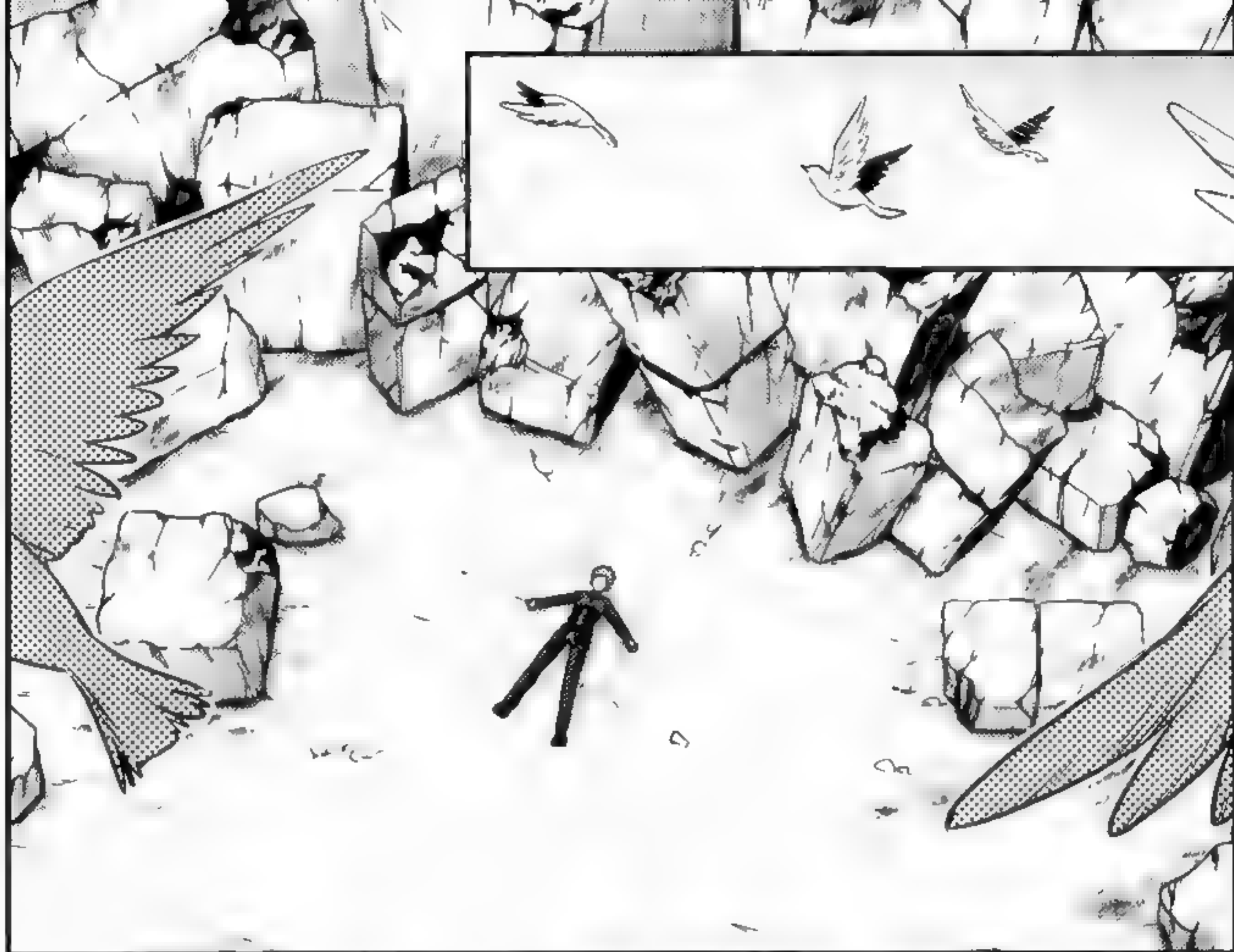
NOW
THEN...



I'M
GOING TO
KILL YOU,
SHIROU.







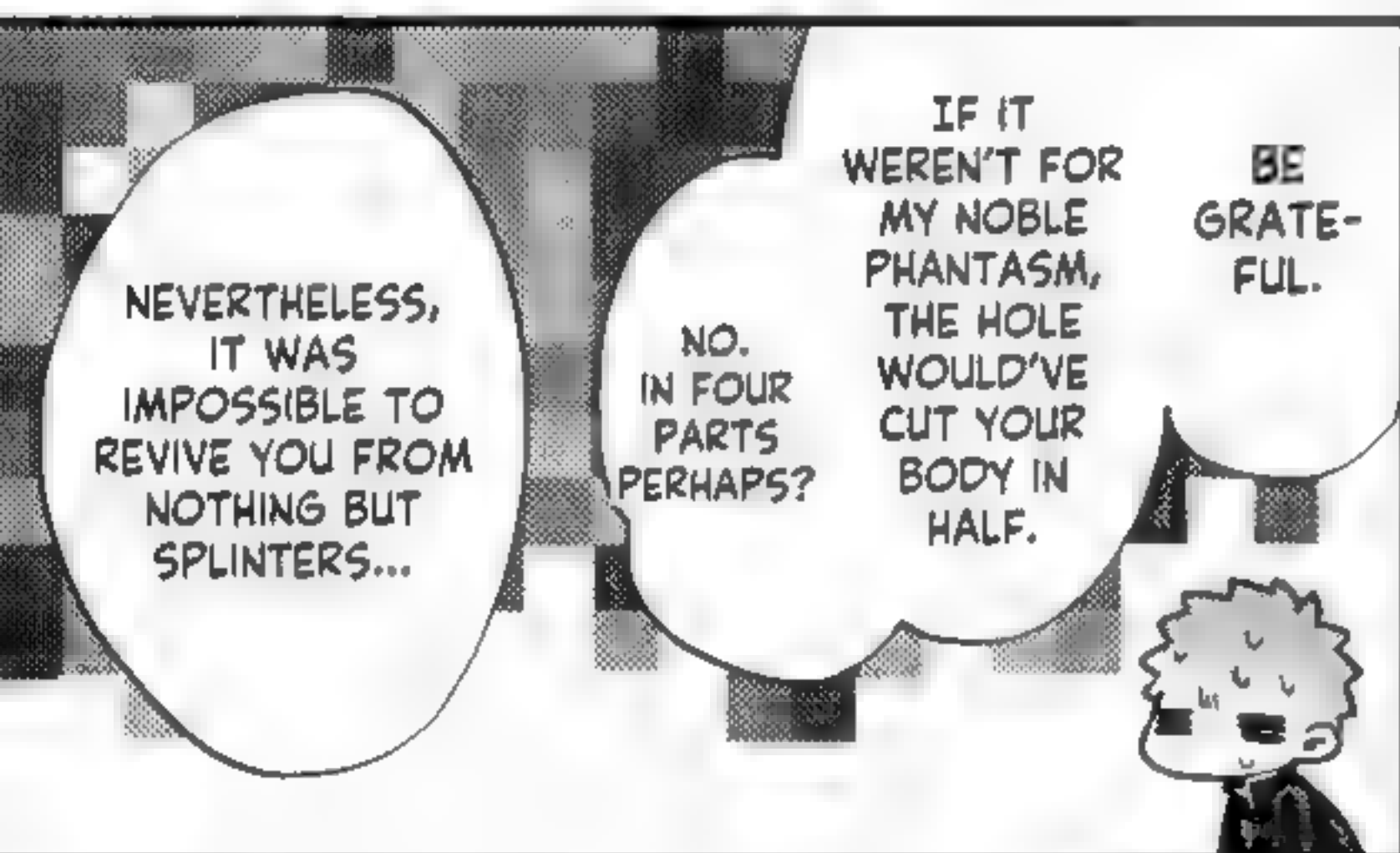


IT'S
ENOUGH TO
DRAW OUT
AVALON'S
POWER,
HOWEVER.

IT'S
FORCED AND
TEMPORARY,
HENCE THERE
IS SOME
"FRAYING."



YOU
FORMED A
CONTRACT
WITH ME WHEN
I PIERCED
YOU, SHIROU.



NEVERTHELESS,
IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
REVIVE YOU FROM
NOTHING BUT
SPLINTERS...

NO.
IN FOUR
PARTS
PERHAPS?

IF IT
WEREN'T FOR
MY NOBLE
PHANTASM,
THE HOLE
WOULD'VE
CUT YOUR
BODY IN
HALF.

BE
GRATE-
FUL.



INCLUD-
ING YOUR
TASTE
BUDS.

YOU'VE PUT
YOUR BODY UNDER
A LOT OF STRESS,
SO YOU WON'T BE
ABLE TO MOVE
FOR A WHILE. BUT
YOU SHOULD
GRADUALLY REGAIN
NORMAL BODY
FUNCTIONS.

...



WORRY
NOT.

THE
MUD INSIDE
YOU VANISHED,
SHIROU.

THEN...
THE MUD
AND THE
HOLY GRAIL
...






ARE YOU
DISSATIS-
FIED?

...NO.
THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.



YOU
WISHED TO
PURSUE YOUR
IDEALS AGAIN
IN YOUR LAST
MOMENTS.

I'VE SIMPLY
DECIDED THAT
YOUR LAST
MOMENTS ISN'T
NOW.



I'LL
CONTINUE TO
BE SHUNNED
AND CURSED.



IT DOESN'T
CHANGE THE
FACT THAT I'VE
KILLED A LOT
OF PEOPLE IN
THE PAST.



I'M NOT
SURE IF IT'S
RIGHT FOR
ME TO HAVE
SURVIVED ALL
THIS.

BUT
STILL...



"...AND
PRESS EVER
FORWARD
INTO THE
FUTURE."

"THOSE
WHO LIVE,
CARRY
IT WITH
THEM..."

"DYING IS
A SAD THING.
BUT THAT IS
NOT ALL.
SOMETHING
IS ALWAYS
LEFT BEHIND
FROM IT."



THAT'S
RIGHT.
"NO MATTER
WHO ARE,
YOU CANNOT
RUN FROM
YOUR PAST."



NO WHAT
MATTER WHAT
CHOICES YOU
MAKE IN THE
FUTURE...

THE PATH
AHEAD WILL BE
HARSH AND
UNFORGIVING.



IN THAT
CASE, YOU
BEST THINK
CAREFULLY WHAT
IS LEFT FOR
YOU NOW,
SHIROU.



WORDS
FROM MY
RECORDS.

THOUGH
I DON'T
REMEMBER
WHO SAID IT
OR WHERE
THEY'RE FROM.

BUT
THEY SEEM
JUST RIGHT
FOR YOU.

A SHORT
WHILE AGO,
YOU DIED.

I
KILLED
YOU.



AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE,
STRUGGLE
DISGRACEFULLY.

**LIVE,
SHIROU.**





ALRIGHT,
ALTER.

I'LL DO
MY BEST.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING THIS
STORY ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE END.
I HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT EVEN JUST A LITTLE.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRAW A MANGA ABOUT KOTOMINE SHIROU.
THIS WAS VERY DIFFICULT. SERIOUSLY.
I REALIZE I'M STILL OUT OF MY DEPTH WHEN IT COMES TO STORYTELLING
AND DRAWING BUT AT LEAST I FINISHED THIS AND THAT'S GREAT!

I'M GOING TO DRAW MORE MANGA IN 2020.
I HOPE WE GET THE CHANCE TO MEET AGAIN.

尾玉了-

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